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1. ON JULY 13, AN EDITORIAL IN "NEUES DEUTSCHLAND"(ND) PICKED UP NICARAGUA AS A SUBJECT FOR ATTENTION, THE FIRST WE HAVE NOTICED SINCE THAT REPORTED IN REFTEL. IT CALLED FOR FREEDOM FOR LUIS SANCHEZ SANCHO, FIRST SECRETARY OF THE NICARAGUAN SOCIALIST PARTY (PSN), WHO WAS RECENTLY ARRESTED BY THE "MILITARY DICTATORSHIP OF THE FAMILY DYNASTY OF GENERAL SOMOZA." SANCHEZ SANCHO, WHO IS DESCRIBED BY ND AS "AN UPRIGHT COMMUNIST AND FIGHTER FOR HIS COUNTRY'S REAL INDEPENDENCE," IS CHARACTERIZED AS A "THORN IN THE EYES OF THE OLIGARCHY AND THE NORTH AMERICAN MONOPOLIES WHICH SUPPORT IT." THE REST OF THE EDITORIAL IS PREDICTABLE. IT CONCLUDES WITH A CALL
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FOR FREEDOM OF SANCHEZ SANCHO AND HIS COMRADES AS WELL

AS "ALL PRISONERS OF LATIN AMERICAN REACTION SUCH AS
LUIS CORVALAN AND HIS ASSOCIATES."

2. COMMENT: THIS EDITORIAL IS YET ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF
THE GDR'S PARTICULAR INTEREST IN LATIN AMERICA WHICH
WE HAVE NOTED PREVIOUSLY. COOPER

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